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Strawberries

Some new varieties for 1913 planting.



Hall's Nursery

Cherry Valley,

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Illinois.



Aroma (Per.) One of the old standard varieties that, in certain sections, continues to be a favorite in spite of the many new varieties introduced. Fruit is very large. Bright red in color to the center. Has a delicious flavor. Is very productive, firm texture, making it a great shipping berry. It has a very long fruiting season and continues good until the end. Plant is a very strong stalky grower with deep green foliage. The demand for this variety is usually far in excess of the supply. Price \$1.00 per 100.

Glen Mary (Per.) A strong, vigorous growing, healthy plant. Some seasons it has pollen to fertilize itself, but it is better to plant it next some perfect blooming variety, like Gibson. The Glen Mary is fast growing in favor all over the country. The berry is so large and fine looking it always commands the highest price in market. It needs good soil, good culture and plenty of room. Price \$1.00 per 100.

Pocomoke (Per.) A seedling of the old Wilson, which it resembles in color, shape, firmness and productiveness, but of better quality and much larger size. One of the best varieties not only for its enormous productiveness, but on account of its beauty, adaptability to all soils,

its foliage enduring the dry, hot weather (which quality is rare with some varieties); its large size, its deep, red color, its firmness, its high flavor, makes it one of the best for general planting. The plant is a strong, robust grower, with deep roots and lots of them, perfect blossoms, and an enormous yielder of large red berries. Its season is medium early, and is very highly spoken of by growers all over the country, and we highly recommend it to all customers as one of the best all around varieties for the main crop. \$2.00 per 100.

Gibson (Per.) This is a wonderful new strawberry; we believe, one of the most profitable varieties of strawberries grown. It commences to ripen with the Dunlap and continues well into the season of the later varieties, which is an indication of its strong vitality. The fruit stems are large and strong and the dark green foliage is an ample protection for the blossoms and fruit. The fruit is large and regular in shape and continues large to the end of the season. In color it is a rich red all over, the meat also being red. The calyx is large and green. Not a speck of rust on it. \$2.00 per 100.

Helen Davis (Per.) This variety originated by Mr. Geo. W. Davis of Indiana, but up until last season the plants were held at such prohibitive price that it was almost impossible to get a supply of them. However, we have been hearing favorable reports of this berry, so last spring purchased a supply of them from the introduction. Of course, we have not had a chance to fruit them as yet, but the introducer claims and other authorities agree with him that the Helen Davis will produce a larger crop of regular formed berries than any other variety that he has ever seen. He also claims, it is of immense size, wonderfully productive in any soil or location, of regular shape; never producing knotty berries, that it has a delicious flavor all its own and that the fruit is of perfect smoothness and handsome color. He says the plants are exceptionally strong and vigorous, free from disease and capable of taking care of themselves during all extremes of weather. The fruit ripens early and extends over an exceptionally long fruiting season. Price \$2.00 per 100.

King Edward (Per.) This variety originated with D. J. Miller, Holmes County, Ohio, says: "It's the finest berry on my place, and my judgment is, it is the grandest strawberry on the globe". This variety has received certificates of merit from horticultural societies, and is very highly spoken of by thousands of large and experimental growers all over the United States. Mr. Beede says, the King Edward proved to be an extra good one for him. Mr. Bilderback of Ohio says the King Edward strawberry stands pre-eminent among the strawberry family. Mr. Sullivan states that "the King Edward in size and symmetry surpasses any specimens of that delicious fruit which I have ever seen." Mr. Clark states that the King Edward is the best of thirty varieties which he had growing at the same time, and that it is the best all around market berry that has come to his notice. The fruit is large, conical, regular, bright glossy crimson, very attractive, flesh light in color, firm, fine grained, mild, sweet and good. Price \$2.00 per 100.

Fall Bearing Strawberries.

The past two years have convinced me and everyone else who have grown them, that fall bearing varieties are no longer in the experimental class, but have firmly established themselves as one of the most delightful and profitable acquisitions that the strawberry world has ever known. Lovers of strawberries cannot help but feel elated over the fact that they can now have this most delicious of fruit on their tables from May until November.

It occasionally happens that some of our spring varieties will produce a second crop of fruit in the fall, but the fall bearers do not produce their fruit by chance. They are an entirely new species and it is their nature to blossom repeatedly from May until winter. If left alone they would produce a scattering crop of berries during all of that time, however, the best results are obtained by keeping all of the blossoms off until the first of August. Then in about three weeks ripe berries will appear and an abundance of them will follow until freez-

ing weather stops them. These varieties reproduce themselves by runners, but as these runners tend to drain the mother plant, it is best to remove some of them and thereby increase the plants' fruiting ability. After carefully experimenting with them we have decided upon Americus, Francis, Iowa, and Superb, as the most promising and those four are the only ones that we offer for sale this year.

Our supply of plants of these varieties is limited. Price \$1.25 per doz.

The following are descriptions of the various sorts:

Americus (Per.) This is one of the most thrifty growers of any of the fall bearing varieties. It is not quite as productive as Francis but the quality of the fruit is better. The fruit is from medium to large in size, conical in shape, rich red in color and of a delicious flavor. Fruit of the Americus is produced both on the mother plant and the new runner plants.

Francis (Per.) The growth of Francis is not so vigorous as some of the other sorts, and it needs more petting, but after fairly started it grows quite strongly and produces a large amount of fruit of exceptionally good size. Like the Americus, the fruit is produced on the runner plants as well as the mother plants, in fact, some of the young runner plants will commence to blossom before the root system is hardly established. The fruit is glossy red in color, and of good quality, although not as good as Americus and Superb.

Iowa (Per.) This variety is a strong plant maker, vigorous and productive. The fruit produced is very large and of a symmetrical form, but not of as good quality as Americus and Superb.

Superb (Per.) This is one of Mr. Cooper's introductions, who describes it as follows: "A seeding of Autumn crossed with Cooper. It is a healthy grower. Fruit large, dark red, glossy, firm, and of extra good quality. Does not fruit much on the new runners." Our experience with Superb confirms all of Mr. Cooper's claims and we consider it one of the most valuable of the fall bearing varieties.